

January 17

2 Esdras 8:3

“Creation & Salvation: Many vs. Few”



**There be many created,
but few shall be saved.**

MANY vs. FEW is a **repeated theme**
throughout the scriptures.

Almost everything in life centers
around “the majority” or the highest
number of someone or something,
such as everybody’s doing it, buying it,
watching it, reading it, eating it,
wearing it, going to it, or even talking
about it—whatever that “it” may
be at any given time.

If an online post “goes viral”,
it has received a very high number
of views and, of course, that’s to
be applauded... so we’re told.

Generally speaking, “few” is not the preferred option—unless it’s in reference to few calories or few problems. This verse (as shown from the 1611 King James Version reveals that when it comes to those who are saved as compared to the number of those made, many are created, but only a few are saved.

If EVERY PATH led to God/Salvation/Eternal Life, the entrance would not be tight, the way would not be narrow, and far more than just a FEW would find it.

Meditate On: **Matthew 7:13,14**^{AKJV}

2 Esdras 8:1-3 ^{1611 KJV}

And he answered me, saying, The most High hath made this world for **many**, but the world to come for **few**. I will tell thee a similitude, Esdras; As when thou askest the earth, it shall say unto thee, that it giveth **much** mould whereof earthen vessels are made, but **little** dust that gold cometh of: even so is the course of this present world. There be **many** created, but **few** shall be saved.

2 Esdras 8:62(a)

These things have I not shewed unto all men, but unto thee, and a **few** like thee.

2 Esdras 8:1-3 ^{Great Bible, 1540}

And he answered me, saying, The most high made this world for **many**, but the world to come for **few**. I will tell thee a similitude, Esdras. As when thou asketh the earth, it shalt say unto ye, that it giveth **much** mold, whereof earthen vessels are made, but **little** of it that gold commeth of. Even so is it with the work of this world. There be **many** created, but **few** shall be preserved.

2 Esdras 8:62(a)

These things have I not shewed unto all men, but unto **few**, namely unto thee, and to such as be like thee.

2 Esdras 8:1-3; 62

^{Good News Bible with Deuterocanonicals/ Apocrypha}

The angel replied, “God Most High made this world for **many** people, but the future world for only a **few**. Ezra, let me give you an illustration. If you ask the earth, it will tell you that it produces **a large amount** of clay for pots but **only a small amount** of gold dust. And that’s the way it is with the present world: **many** have been created, but only a **few** will be saved.”

I have made this known to you and a **few** others like you, but not to everyone.”

The matter of many vs. few,
especially in relation to salvation,
is worthy of thought.

It really is something one may
seek to think deeply about
in today's times where people are
commonly told, "a loving God" is
sending everyone to heaven and
everyone is (or will be) saved.
No soul, we're told, will suffer
in that *bad place*—
if such even exists.

Some contend that, after
all, the majority
could not spend eternity
in *the bad place*?
God wouldn't allow that!

Does Scripture provide
"many vs. few"
passages for a reason—
as a warning, perhaps?